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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 2308  
 KEIICHI KATAYANAGI ET AL. ) (Parent Application)  
 Application No.: Unknown ) Examiner: I. Chowdhury  
 Filed: August 12, 1996 ) **PRELIMINARY**  
 For: SPEECH SIGNAL TRANSMITTING ) **AMENDMENT**  
 AND RECEIVING APPARATUS )  
 WITH NOISE SENSITIVE VOLUME )  
 CONTROL (AS AMENDED) )

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
 and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified  
 application as follows:

***In the drawings:***

Applicants respectfully request that they be  
 allowed to amend Fig. 3 of the drawings to correct  
 the text in the decision box referenced as S10 from  
 "PITCH FLAG = 0?" to "--PITCH LAG = 0?--" as shown on  
 the attached red-lined drawing. The Examiner is  
 respectfully requested to approve the proposed  
 amendments to the drawings as set forth above and in  
 the attached letter to the Official Draftsperson. It  
 is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been  
 added to the drawings.

***In the claims:***

1. (Twice Amended) A speech signal transmitting  
 and receiving apparatus comprising:

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